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interesting, even entertaining style, should tempt the student or lay reader to pursue the subject to greater depths, and this is presumably the object most desired by the author.

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THE LAW OF A MASTER'S LIABILITY FOR INJURIES TO THE SERVANT. By W. F. BAILEY, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Wisconsin. St. Paul, Minn.: West Publishing Company. 1894.

It may be safely said that there is no branch of the law which has developed at so rapid a pace within the last few years as that which treats of the liability of the master for injuries to his servants. It affords a splendid field for the efforts of the legal literary harvester, as the ripeness of the subject renders it exceedingly interesting. It is pleasant to think that a lawyer and a scholar of Judge BAILEY'S ability should have been selected for the work, and the wisdom of the selection is evidenced by the very able discussions of the principal cases and the scholarly arrangement.

Chapters I to VIII, inclusive, treat of the various duties of the master to the servant.

Chapters IX, X and XI, of the risks assumed by the servant.

Chapters XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII and XVIII, of fellow-servants.

Chapters XIX, XX and XXI, of contributory negligence.

Chapter XXII, of independent contractors.

Chapter XXIII, of contracts limiting liability.

Chapter XXIV, of contracts releasing claims.

Chapters XXV, XXVI and XXVII, of procedure.

The great body of case law which is annually introduced by the Appellate Courts of the various States renders complete digesting almost impossible, except when confined within very narrow districts. It is necessary, therefore, for text writers to specialize, taking up some important branch or sub-division of the law and reducing the decided cases bearing upon it to something like a system. But the great difficulty

seems to be, and, in fact, it is the one objection which we can see to this very careful and conscientious work, that the text writer, in order to make this book of a respectable size, devotes considerable space to the discussion of subjects only indirectly connected with the apparent scope of the work. Thus, we find in Chapters XX and XXI a very lengthy discussion of the doctrines of contributory negligence, which, while very much in order in a work of negligence, seems hardly proper in a work covering the law of a Master's Liability for Injuries to his Servant. But these instances are rare in Judge BAILEY'S book, and even though they may be objectionable from a standpoint of a perfect text-book, they are, nevertheless, valuable contributions to the literature of this subject.

The citation of cases is very full and complete throughout, and the index carefully prepared. The "externals" are in excellent taste, and we take great pleasure in recommending this work to the profession as a valuable addition to the literature of the law relating to master and servant.

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RESTRICTIONS UPON LOCAL AND SPECIAL LEGISLATION IN STATE CONSTITUTIONS. By CHARLES CHAUNCEY BINNEY, of the Philadelphia Bar. Philadelphia: Kay & Bro. 1894.

The substance of Mr. BINNEY'S work exceeds the limits naturally inferred from the title. Without being a great work it is nothing less than a scholarly exposition of the whole question of local and special legislation in this country as it stands to-day viewed in the light of numerous decisions from the courts of many States. It is, as far as we know, the only work upon this at once theoretically interesting and practically important subject.

The first chapter takes up the subject in a general descriptive way under the heading "The Treatment of Local and Special Legislation in England and the United States. Chapter II points out the distinctions between general, local, and special laws. Chapter III is devoted to the essential point of classification (*i. e.* the arrangement into groups of the individuals who